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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 9,
Part 2, relative to reporting of diseased persons with
tuberculosis

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-9-201 is amended by designating
the existing section as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection (b) as follows:

(b.) State, district, municipal and county health officers involved in tuberculosis control
and elimination shall notify appropriate health authorities of jurisdictions in the
appropriate states, territories, and municipalities when an individual with confirmed or
clinically diagnosed infectious tuberculosis or currently under treatment for tuberculosis
disease relocates from Tennessee into another jurisdiction, such notification subject to
approval of the State Health Officer or his designee. Notwithstanding any law of this
state to the contrary, the Commissioner of Health is authorized to establish the rules by
which exceptions may be made to the confidentiality provisions of the laws of this state
for the notification of third parties of an individual's tuberculosis infection when there
exists a potential threat to the public health and welfare or to assure completion of

proper treatment of the diseased person. All persons who receive notification of the infectious condition of an individual under this subsection and the rules established under this subsection shall hold such information in the strictest confidence and shall not reveal the information to others. A person making such disclosure, including, but not limited to, providing patient identifying information and medical information related to the patient's tuberculosis status, is immune from liability for making disclosure of information for the purpose of preventing further spread of disease and assuring completion of proper treatment of the diseased person.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.